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FELON RECEIVES 87-MONTH SENTENCE FOR POSSESSING FIREARMS AFTER CONVICTIONS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **David A. Wright**, 29, has been sentenced to 87 months in federal prison on charges that he unlawfully possessed a firearm after three criminal convictions. He was sentenced Jan. 10 by U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber.

Wright pleaded guilty Sept. 8, 2004, to one count of illegally possessing a firearm after a felony conviction in 2001 on a charge of distributing amphetamine, and possession of a firearm after a misdemeanor conviction of domestic battery; and a felony conviction in 1999 on possession of methamphetamine.

Wright was on supervised release in 2001 for a federal drug case and was released on Feb. 6, 2004. On July 1, 2005, an absconder warrant was issued and he was arrested on July 7, 2004, in Ottawa, Kan. At the time of his arrest, U.S. Marshals recovered a loaded firearm from the vehicle he was driving. The firearm was a .22-caliber F.I.E. handgun, Model E15.

Melgren commended the work of the U.S. Marshals Service, which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead, who prosecuted.